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Applicant JIN, Zhihong et al	

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference SP-0840.3 WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/US 00/ 17561	International filing date (day/month/year) 21/06/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 23/06/1999
Applicant EVEREADY BATTERY COMPANY, INC. et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

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2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of Invention is lacking** (see Box II).

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Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

Alkaline battery cells comprising an anode, a cathode, a separator between the anode and the cathode, and an electrolyte are provided with an n-type metal oxide additive that improves electrochemical performance. The n-type metal oxide additive is either a doped metal oxide comprising a metal oxide modified by incorporation of a dopant, or a reduced metal oxide.

The metal oxide may be selected from the group consisting of

BaTiO_3 , K_2TiO_3 , CoTiO_3 , SrTiO_3 , CaTiO_3 , MgTiO_3 , SiO_2 , CaO , TiO_2 , CoO ,

Co_3O_4 , ZnO , SnO , SnO_2 , PbO_2 , Bi_2O_3 , $\text{Bi}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 3\text{ZrO}_3$, $\text{Bi}_{12}\text{TiO}_{20}$, Fe_2O_3 - TiO_2 , Nb_2O_5 ,

CaWO_4 , ZnMn_2O_4 , and $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$.

Examples of dopant disclosed are:

NbO_2 , Nb_2O_5 , Ta_2O_5 , WO_3 , GeO_2 , ZrO_2 , SnO_2 , ThO_2 ,

Fe_2O_3 , In_2O_3 , LiNiO_2 and P_2O_5 , In_2O_3 , Sb_2O_5 .

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 H01M4/62 H01M6/16

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 H01M

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Performance Enhancing Additives For Electrochemical Cells

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Inventors for this application are the same as those listed in Box III
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item (2) 17 June 2000 17/06/00	Not yet assigned	US		
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